

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 830

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jerilyn Jones for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award.

WHEREAS, at a time when this Nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Girl Scouts of the USA is one of our finest assets, providing young women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development and instills in them an understanding of community and a deep sense of self-respect; and

WHEREAS, the highest award a Girl Scout between the ages of fourteen and seventeen can attain is the Gold Award, and Jerilyn Jones, after considerable effort and assiduous preparation, has joined the select group of individuals who may wear the prestigious Gold Award pin; and

WHEREAS, the Gold Award is the culmination of tremendous effort, concentration, and diligence by a Girl Scout; it signifies the deep dedication to her community and to herself a Girl Scout gains through participation in the organization; and

WHEREAS, Jerilyn's notable record of achievement as a member of Girl Scout Troop 931 includes many patches and a history of distinguished service; she also received the Girl Scout Religious Award and was recognized as one of the Outstanding Girl Scouts of 2008; and

WHEREAS, to receive the Gold Award, Girls Scouts must complete five requirements, all of which demand efficient organizational, time management, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, further, a Senior Girl Scout must build on her experiences in Girl Scouting to complete a Gold Award project, which provides an opportunity for her to combine her leadership skills, career, interests, and personal values in order to serve her community; and

WHEREAS, for her Gold Award Project, Miss Jones exhibited all of the finest qualities of volunteerism and service to others by creating worship banners for St. Mark's United Methodist

Church's temporary worship hall; she also developed lesson plans to accompany the banners to teach children's Bible lessons; and

WHEREAS, Jerilyn Jones, an excellent student and a senior at William Blount High School, has also participated in many of her school's activities and her community's affairs; she has been a member of several extracurricular academic, social, and civic organizations, including the William Blount High School Leaders and Achievers, the Health Occupational Students of America, the Blount Youth Explosion Praise and Worship Team, her school's medical internship program, the school soccer team, and the school marching band, which she has led as the flute section leader; and

WHEREAS, she evinces her devout religious faith as an active member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, which has benefited not only from her Gold Award project but also from her dedicated service as Vice President of United Methodist Youth and as a volunteer for numerous church endeavors, including Relay for Life, Empty Pantry, and Vacation Bible School; and

WHEREAS, Miss Jones' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Glenn and Holly Jones, her sister, Whitney Jones, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Jerilyn Jones as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jerilyn Jones for earning the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.